God is the single dependable being

By WILLIAM TRIMYER
Bible Study Passages: Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14
Introduction

There is a craving within each of us for something or someone that is dependable. We want cars that won't break down, freezers that won't stop freezing, toys that won't come apart, marriages that won't turn sour, and churches that will maintain unity.

Unfortunatley, we inhabit a hazardous world in which very little is dependable. Of course, our expectations may tend to run a little high, particularly if we refuse to be dependable ourselves. This is true in terms of relationships. Some persons in our lives are tremendously dependable. These we can count on, just as we count on the rising and setting of the sun. But, even so, the possibility for such relationships to dissolve through death or division is always a possibility.

There is one dependable being in our universe -God. Time and again the Hebrew people saw and experienced the dependability of God. He was always present to respond to the people's needs during a crisis. We close the quarter's study of Deuteronomy by looking at the song Moses wrote to the people of Israel. In his song Moses describes how God is dependable for blessing and guidance.

That Song That God Gives [Deut. 30:16-21]

The life of Moses is characterized by victory and defeat. Moses emerged as God's chosen prophet and leader to deliver the children of Israel from the terror of the Egyptians. Moses at first backed away from God's call because he thought he was unfit for the job because of a speech impairment.

Moses was also spiritually impaired, that is, his own display of unfaith along the wilderness journey took away his dream of entering the promised land. Certainly there must have been a twinge of sadness as Moses saw from a distance the land he had labored so hard to reach.

Before going to his grave, Moses wrote a song that would serve as a witness and testimony of God's divine leadership.

A Song Unto the Lord [Deut. 32:1-43]

The song that Moses wrote was a tribue to God's activity in the history of the people of Israel.

Songs have a way of saying something that no book could ever begin to say. A song can capture the essence of life, beauty and love. The song that Moses composed was filled with praise to God, hope and remembrance of God's past activity in the lives of the people. The song was written as a means of communicating a certain message of those who made up the children of God. It was not an entertainment musical, but a song the people would always remember.

Do you ever notice how some tunes stick in your mind? Songs or poems that particularly move us usually stay with us no matter how old we become. The song of Moses was intended to become a regular part of the people's repertoire. Whenever things turned sour or the people began to turn their backs on God, this song would be a reminder of how God had greatly blessed in times past.

A Great Leader [Deut. 37:22-23; 32-44]

Moses shall always be remembered as a great leader. Roses for Moses! Despite the time he acted in disobedience, Moses remains as a leader who sought to lead the people rightly.

A final parting word from Moses to the people seems to sum up the bent of his life. "Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day . . . For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land . .

Thus, the word of God is not something to trifle with or to ignore as if it is of no importance. The word of God is reality and offers life both abundant and eternal.

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WLYPO).

Service was a success

The Promise Land Baptist Church homecoming service was a success and was well attended by members, visitors and friends.

The Rev. Davis delivered the morning sermon and later conducted a dedication service in honor of Mr. Edgar Chilton. We were pleased to have the Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Sr., pastor emeritus, with us for both services. The Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Men's Chorus rendered beautiful music along with the Promise Land Baptist Church Chancel Choir.

The Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Sr., and the Galilee Baptist Church Senior Choir were with us during the afternoon service. The Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Jr., was guest speaker for the afternoon and will deliver the nightly revival messages this week.

Guest choirs for the week are as follows:

Monday – Gospel Harmonet;
Tuesday – Promise Land Senior Choir;
Wednesday – The "Jets Unlimited";
Thursday – Morning Star Senior Choir;
Friday – The Chancels Choir.

Hour of service is 7:30 each night revival week.

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Church News

Gospel sing slated

A gospel sing will be held at Bethel Bible Church on Linden Street in Appomattox this Saturday, Aug. 29, from 7-9 p.m. Bethel Bible Church is a non-denominational church with a great love for God.

The following singers and groups of singers will be featured: the Jamerson Sisters, Tammy and Joann, Brother Richard Wilson and wife, Betty Rhodeniser and Lois Williams, all from Appomattox.

A nursery will be provided and refreshments will be served at the conclusion. Pastor, David S. Grove and all the members of the church cordially invite the public to attend the event.

The Pastor Speaks

By KITCH SHATZER
Read Ruth 2:1-12

The mother hen, surrounded by her brood of fluffy little chicks, was bustly clucking and scratching. Suddenly she detected the shadow of a circling hawk and sounded an alarm. In a moment not a chick was visible. All were safely sheltered under the mother hen's wings.

In leaving Moab, Ruth had turned her back on home, friends, and security to follow her mother-in-law into the unknown - unknown to her, but known to God. She left the false gods of Moab and came to know and love the true Lord God of Israel, under whose wings she learned to trust. She had known loss and tragedy. Under God's wings of safety she was to find peace and security.

Today our idea of safety is strangely distorted. We trust in our possessions, armaments, scientific technology - all things that shall, with the world, pass away. When any one of these is threatened we lose our sense of security and panic grips us. Have we not forgotten and strayed far from God's wings of safety? As in no other age, we need to build our security upon the unchangeable promise, "He shall cover you with his feathers and under his wings shall you trust."

Let us ask the Lord for a new sense of His providential care, that He never leaves us or forsakes us. "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God concerning you."

Kitch Shatzer is pastor of Concord Presbyterian Church, Beale Memorial, Buffalo, and Madisonville Presbyterian Churches.

Galilee Church meeting changed

All officers and members of the Galilee Baptist Church take note that the church meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 29, has been canceled until a later date.

This is our final appeal to our friends and co-workers concerning our trip to Baltimore. We are planning to meet at the Galilee Baptist Church at 4:30 a.m., Sunday, August 30.

An overflow crowd of members and friends attended the Annual Homecoming and revival last Sunday at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m. at the Promise Land Baptist Church. The newly elected pastor, Rev. Albert Davis, delivered the morning message. Special music was rendered by the Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus. The Chancel Choir of Promise Land rendered selections also.

The afternoon service began at 3 p.m. with Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Jr. in charge. Special music was rendered by Galilee Senior Choir. Highlight of the afternoon was the Building Fund rally spear headed by Mrs. Nannie Ruth Watkins and Mr. Michael Hancock. All present enjoyed the entire day of worship and praise. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church in the fellowship hall.

Mrs. Lena Tigett of Detroit, Michigan is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ada Nowlin and brother, Mr. Moat Wright.

Deacon and Mrs. Madison Fleshman of Baltimore visited relatives and friends here. Mrs. Emma Lyone of Washington, D.C. recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harvey.

Messers Edwin and Curtis Marshall of Baltimore, Md. were among Promise Land community homecomers. The Wheeler Brothers were here also.

The following choirs and groups will be rendering music during the Promise Land revival: Monday, The Gospel Harmonetts; Tuesday, Promise Land Senior Choir; Wednesday, The Jets Unlimited; Thursday, The Morning Star Senior Choir; and Friday, The Chancel Choir of Promise Land.

Mrs. Frances Langhorne Tibbs has returned to her home in Baltimore after spending a portion of her vacation with Miss Helen Stevens.

Let us continue to pray one for another.

BABY OF THE WEEK

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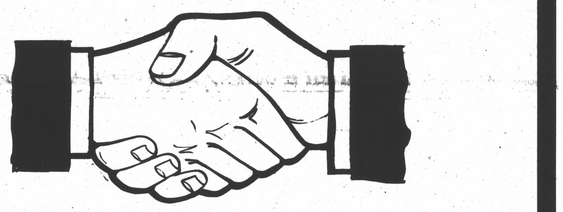

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Letter

Upset with Falwell

Editor:

We, and many others, have been appalled at the press coverage, and as a result, the publicity given Jerry Falwell by the media, written and visual. Mr. Falwell and his "Moral Majority" are largely a creation of the media. We in the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the most part; consider him an opportunist, aggrandizing himself using religion as a tool, and an embarrassment to the Commonwealth. For the President of the United States to lower the dignity of his Office, by being concerned with Mr. Falwell's opinions is unbelievable.

It is the responsibility of the people of the United States to decide what they wish to see on television, and the responsibility of the President and Congress to appoint proper qualified persons for Judgeships and office of responsibility. Mr. Falwell has no more right to forecHis opinion on the country than do we. He, like everybody else, has one vote only. The quote "Moral Majority" is a catch name created by the media and blown far out of proportion...if examined closely.

Mr. Falwell does not represent the thinking of millions, or persons of the many diverse religions of our country, only the fundamentalists, who seem, easily swayed. If Mr. Reagan needs guidance and a clear view of the religious opinion on issues in America, we suggest he consult the Dean of the Washington Cathedral, the Bishops of the Methodist, Episcopal, and Greek Orthodox Churches, the Catholic Cardinals, the nearest Rabbi, and the highest officials in the various religious bodies in the Country. These groups make up the broader spectrum of religious thinking in America, and the President will find more representative and knowledgeable advice there.

We have a feeling if the media ignored Mr. Falwell, any supposed power would quickly go up in a puff of smoke.

Sincerely,
J. William and Rebecca Austin

Letter

Thanks officials

Editor:

Last week I wrote a letter to the paper pertaining to the location of the carnival. It has been my understanding since then that the commissioner of revenue, the sheriff and local officials were out of town.

My wife and I would like to thank (especially) Monte Mays, commissioner of revenue, Sheriff Gene Richardson, and members of his department. Also town officials and anybody else who had a hand in this.

Once again, we thank you for listening to a citizen's complaint.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowe

Social work course set

Virginia Commonwealth University, through its accredited School of Social Work has responded to requests of social work practitioners in the Lynchburg area by offering courses enabling social workers to update their competency without interrupting their present jobs and/or to earn credits towards a Master's degree in Social Work.

Virginia Commonwealth University offers Foundation Year courses on a part-time basis in order to fulfill its commitment to provide social work education for all persons in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, of course, these classes are open to residents of contiguous states who find the location of the classes appropriate their needs.

At present Foundation Year courses are offered by the School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University on a part-time basis in four off-campus locations: Roanoke, Bristol, Fairfax, and Lynchburg.

Lynchburg Training School and Hospital has generously cooperated with Virginia Commonwealth University by providing space for offering classes. In addition, the appropriate consortium of higher education has granted permission for VCU to offer these off-campus courses.

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